

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A coating solution is applied to a web to form a coating layer. Then the web is transported into a drying apparatus, in which a guide roller guides the web such that an angle of the web to a horizontal direction is smaller downstream from the guide roller. The angles at entrance and exit of the drying apparatus are named entrance and exit angles  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_3$ , respectively, and satisfy a condition  $\theta_1 > \theta_3$ . The coating layer has the temperature  $T_1$  at the entrance, the temperature  $T_2$  at the exit, and the temperature  $T_3$  in the drying apparatus. The differences  $|T_2 - T_1|$  and  $|T_3 - T_1|$  are at most  $5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . In the drying apparatus, as the organic solvent evaporates uniformly, the generation of the unevenness is reduced. Thereafter, the drying is made at the large drying speed in the blow-drying apparatus to obtain a film product.